

Krisle Elementary School
Family Handbook
2026-2027

Daily Schedule

- Doors are open from 6:45 am- 7:15 am
- The school day begins promptly at 7:15 a.m.
- Please do not leave any students unattended outside before 6:45 am.
- Any student arriving after 7:15 will be considered tardy. If a child is tardy, an adult must park in a parking space and escort the child into the office to sign in.
- The school day ends at 2:15 p.m. All students need to be picked up by 2:30 p.m.

Transportation

- Transportation forms are available for parents during Open House.
 - Please indicate how your student will go home the first half day of school
 - Please indicate how your student will go home for the remainder of the school year.
- If your child is to be dismissed in a manner different from his/her normal routine, a **note** signed and dated by the parent/guardian must be sent stating the change.
- **Transportation changes will not be made over the phone as this is a safety issue.**
- If two or more students are being dismissed together, the parents/guardians of each student must send a note stating this transportation change. This policy is for your child's safety. We cannot make exceptions to this policy and appreciate your cooperation in communicating transportation changes promptly to the school.
- No students can be dismissed through the office after 1:40 p.m. due to dismissal procedures. Please enter the car rider line if arriving after 1:40 p.m.

Car Riders

- **During dismissal, there are students moving throughout the parking lot. Please proceed slowly and wait for signals from the car rider staff. The school speed limit on Highway 49 (15 mph) applies for parking lot during arrival and dismissal.**
- Car riders will be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school.
- Please follow the direction of the staff in charge of arrival and dismissal for a safe and prompt dismissal experience. We appreciate your patience as we all work to dismiss children efficiently.
- Each student who is a car rider will need a car rider tag.
 - Car rider tags can be picked up during Open House
 - Extra tags can be picked up in the front office
 - Each family will be provided with two tags for free. Any additional tags can be purchased in the front office for \$5.
- You will need to continue displaying your car rider tag throughout the school year. If a parent/guardian does not have a tag after we have issued them, they will be required to go to the front office to pick up their student. **Identification will be required** before a child is dismissed to anyone without a car tag.

- It is important that all parents stay in their cars and be ready to pull forward when a staff member signals.
- **Please remember that by law, no smoking is allowed on school property or using your cell phone while you are driving.**

Attendance

- School attendance is an essential function of overall student success. Attendance is a key factor in student achievement and students are expected to be present each day school is in session. A child entering kindergarten shall be no less than 5 on or before August 15. No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten program. A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three years of age.
- By law, every parent, guardian, or other legal custodian residing within Tennessee having control or charge of any child or children between six (6) years of age and seventeen (17) years of age, both inclusive, shall cause such child or children to attend public or non-public school, and in the event of failure to do so, shall be subject to penalties.
- Each student should return from an absence with a note stating the reason for the absence. All absences without a note will be considered unexcused. This applies even if you call the office or email the teacher to inform us that your student will be out. It is a requirement for us to have written documentation of absences.
- Students will be allowed to make up work missed during an absence. They will be allotted for the number of days missed plus one to complete and turn in make-up work.

District Attendance Expectations

- Absences from School Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused by the principal/designee.
- **Students in grades K-8 will be allowed no more than 3 parent notes per semester.**
- Excused absences may include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) illness of student; after three (3) consecutive days, or repeated absences, a note from a physician may be required;
 - (2) illness of an immediate family member after three
 - (3) consecutive days, or repeated absences, a note from a physician may be required; (3) death of a family member;
 - (4) extreme weather conditions;
 - (5) religious observances;
 - (6) college visits;
 - (7) pregnancy;
 - (8) school endorsed activities;
 - (9) Summons, subpoena, or court order;
 - (10) circumstances, in the judgment of the principal/designee, created by emergencies over which the student has no control.
 - (11) parent or sibling doctor appointment

- Schools may require an official verification of any appointment prior to excusing the absence. Schools may limit the number of excused absences for appointments.
- Unexcused absences shall include but are not limited to:
 - (1) car trouble;
 - (2) personal business (e.g. cleaning house, shopping, babysitting, errands, hair appointment, work in the private sector).

Early Dismissal

- If a student is to leave school for illness, doctor's appointments, or emergencies during the school day, the parent is to come to the school office with ID and sign the dismissal log. The office staff will then have the student sent to the office. If someone other than the parent/guardian is to pick up your student, it is required that they are listed in PowerSchool or on the Student Information sheet. We will not release scholars to anyone who is not listed in PowerSchool or on the Student Information form.
- Early dismissals will be recorded as attendance events and likewise count toward the student's total attendance.
 - Students who are dismissed before 10:50 will be counted as absent for the entire day.

Illness at School

- A student who becomes ill at school must not leave the campus without permission from the office. The parent/guardian, or approved designee, must sign the student out of the office.
- School officials are not permitted to administer any medication without permission in writing from the parent/guardian.
- All medications must be brought by an adult to the office. Students cannot bring medications to school.
 - For a student to take medications at school, the parent/guardian must complete a form that will be kept on file. Krisle has a full-time nurse.
- Students sent home with a fever or vomiting will need to **keep their child home for 24 hours.**

Behavioral Expectations

- At Krisle Elementary we are working daily with your child to become the best version of themselves. We will guide them to make good choices, be a good friend, and respect the learning that is taking place in the classroom.
- Parent support is essential in the work teachers do to create a positive learning environment. Please encourage your child to respect their education and future.
- Our schools agreed upon behavioral expectations are operationally defined with **examples** of what the expected behavior looks like in each location. This will improve clarity and consistency of what is expected throughout the school. Our three primary expectations have not changed at Krisle.

The expectation is:

1. Be Safe

2. Be Respectful

3. Responsible

Behavioral Expectation Matrix

	Expectations		
	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
Arrival/Departure	-Walk at all times while on school grounds	-Follow directions of teachers -Wait in the gym and read a book	-Be on time -Go directly to your destination
Classroom	-Keep hands, feet, and objects to self -Walk	-Listen to teacher -Wait your turn	-Follow class rules at all times -Finish work
Halls	-Stay in line -Walk -Pay attention to where you are walking	-Keeps hands off walls -Be quiet in halls and common areas of school	-Go directly to where you need to go -Look to your teacher for directions
Restroom	-Use soap and water for washing hands	-Honor privacy -Wait patiently for your turn	-Flush toilet after use
Cafeteria	-Hold tray with both hands -Keep food to self without sharing	-Use an inside talking voice -Use a napkin to clean self and spills	-After getting lunch and utensils, choose a seat and stay there -Put tray in trash -Pick up any remaining trash on table or floor
Recess	-Use equipment appropriately -Keep hands and feet to self	-Practice good sportsmanship -Take turns and share equipment	-Line up when the whistle is blown -Put equipment away where it belongs
Gym/PE	-Use equipment appropriately -Keep hands and feet to self	-Follow teacher directions	-Put equipment away where it belongs
Bus	-Stay in seat -Keep hands, feet, and objects to self	-Use a quiet voice -Follow bus driver directions	-Get to bus on time -Walk on and off quickly
Assemblies/Special Events	-Sit correctly on floor (crisscross applesauce) -Keep hands and feet to self	-Sit quietly -Listen to speaker	-Be attentive to speaker and applaud when appropriate

Class Dojo

- All teachers will use ClassDojo in the classroom this year, which will be the way student behavior is communicated to parents. Parents will receive information from the teacher on how to set up this free app on your electronic device. ClassDojo also serves as another way parents and teachers can communicate back and forth. Teachers may send out classroom information on ClassDojo.
- School and the district will also be using Parent Square to distribute information throughout the school year.
- All parents will need to download both apps and set up notifications to help you stay in touch with what is going on in your child's classroom.
- Each grade level will send additional information about Class Dojo and grade level expectations.
- If you need to make a change in transportation, **you must send a note**. We cannot take transportation changes over the phone or on Dojo.

Care of Personal Property

- Each student is responsible for his/her own personal property, including cell phones, toys, and collectibles. If a student loses a personal item, that student should check to see if it has been turned in to lost and found.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys or other items for entertainment purposes, unless the teacher communicates a special reward.
- Krisle is not responsible for lost items and not liable for replacement of items lost.
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Bus Conduct

- Students who ride a Robertson County School bus are expected to follow the rules of the bus and respect the authority of the bus driver and bus monitor. Bus rules are included in the Robertson County Schools Handbook.
- Any student who does not follow the rules may receive a bus referral. The principal will administer consequences as appropriate for bus misbehavior. Consequences may include warnings, conferences, seat reassignment, ISS, OSS, or a suspension from the bus for a designated amount of time. Riding the bus is a privilege. If behavior continues to be a problem after repeated attempts to correct the behavior a child may not be allowed to continue to use transportation services.
- Consequences:
 - Referral: Consequence:
 - 1st Parent/guardian notified
 - 2nd 1 day bus suspension
 - 3rd 3-day bus suspension
 - 4th 5-day bus suspension
 - 5th 7-day bus suspension
 - 6th 10- day bus suspension or DHA referral

Student Dress Code

- The Robertson County Board of Education's Dress Code Policy will be strictly enforced. School dress codes must include, but are not limited to, the following areas:
 1. No head coverings, except for religious head coverings and coverings for medical reasons
 2. No bare midriff, revealing necklines
 3. No shorts, or jeans or jeans with holes more than three and one-half (3.5) inches above the fold of the knee
 4. No tube, tank, see through tops
 5. No sagging pants
 6. No attire promoting alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
 7. No dusters or trench coats
 8. No clothing containing advertising for objectionable causes or offensive language
 9. No gang related clothing
 10. Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times (tied/fastened)
 11. No outer clothing which resembles lounge wear, pajamas, or underwear
 12. No spikes, chains, piercing, or other items that cause a safety concern
- When a student is attired in a manner that violates the school dress code or is likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school, the teacher and/or principal shall take appropriate action. Costumes are prohibited unless otherwise allowed on specific days approved by the school principal.
- The building principal shall be responsible for enforcing a student dress code. Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school.

Field Trips

- We welcome parents to attend field trips whenever possible. In some instances, teachers may not be able to take parents or may need to limit the number of parents who attend the event.
- Due to the nature of field trips, siblings are not permitted to attend. You will be asked to leave if a sibling is in attendance.
- Parents are not able to ride the buses with classes. All cars must follow behind the last bus.
- If a parent would like to sign their child out while on a field trip, you must make arrangements prior to the day of the trip. We will only allow the parent/guardian to sign a student out from a field trip. This will also be considered an unexcused early dismissal.

Visitors/ Parties and Special Events in the Classroom

- We will have a plan for family engagement activities throughout this school year.
- For the safety of all students, we ask that any cupcakes/snacks brought into school are store bought.

- Parents/Guardians can drop off items for birthday celebrations at the office. Items will be delivered to the student's class and distributed at the teachers' discretion.
- No deliveries can be accepted for your student at school.
- More information will be provided when parties or activities are planned. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as we implement these nutritional standards in all areas of our school.

Lunch

- Students are only allowed to bring food packed in a lunchbox or bag to the lunchroom
- Please do not send students with full bags of chips and snacks. This causes a disruption and is a safety concern in regard to sharing and allergies.